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What's Up at Sha'ar Zahav

Shabbat Kol HanesHEMA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 8:15 P.M.

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Revisioning Aging What Will Ours Look Like?

BY SHOSHANA LEVENBERG, ANDREW RAMER, AND JULIA VELSON

The next time you're in the sanctuary for a service, or at shul for a meeting, look around the room. Gray hair, hair in colors that God did not create on the sixth day, and diminishing amounts of hair characterize a sizeable percentage of our congregation. But aging doesn't only affect those of us who are doing it. Some of us are caring for older parents, friends, or family, and some of us have children who are facing our aging before they can envision their own. Others of us are single, do not have children, and are contemplating our aging and its consequences with feelings of anticipation, anxiety, and dread. And there are additional challenges around aging for those of us who are queer.

We live in a society that celebrates youth, and live in a time of diminishing resources. How are we going to age, as individuals and as a community? On September 26th Ruby Cymrot-Wu facilitated a small group discussion on the subject, in which we explored some of these questions: *What does it mean to get old? How do we see our parents' frailties or the wrinkles in our own mirrors? How does aging touch and shape our community? Who is going to take care of us? Our parents? Our partners? Our friends? What will happen if we don't have enough money? How much is enough? Are we responsible as a community for our elders? What does that mean? How are others handling the challenges of aging?*

In the coming year, we are planning to open this conversation to our entire community, listening to each others' stories and sharing information, resources, and opportunities for social action and community building around issues of aging. We envision a series of community conversations that will address the questions above and explore the issues below:

The vast majority of people prefer to age in their own homes, but that requires resources, and we live in a time of diminishing resources. Perhaps help with daily activities, perhaps only occasional help is needed, but we will ALL need help at some point. Several models exist to address this need. In NY, there are Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities where social and practical services are provided on-site and in the community where aging occurs. In Boston, a group of seniors in the Beacon Hill area began Beacon Hill Village, a non-profit member organization that provides a central location for needed services and also encourages the building of community through mutual volunteering. This model has spread across the country, including to San Francisco. Other models include community time banks where providing an hour of service "banks" an hour of service in return. Community Without Walls, originally developed in Princeton, NJ, consists of units called "houses" which form in geographic neighborhoods and provide a range of support and social activities.

"How are we aging as a community? How are we caring for the aging in our community?" These are vital questions that we need to ask and answer in a more public way. In the next few months, we will be holding open forums to discuss these questions, these issues, and our hopes, concerns, and fears around aging. Look for information about these forums in upcoming weekly emails.

Shared Dreams



IN HIS MAGNUM opus *Orot HaKodesh*, Rav Kook writes: "It is the great dreams that are the foundation of the world." In other words, the whole world stands only because some people have the courage and capacity to dream great dreams.

What is our dream—the Sha'ar Zahav dream?

What are your dreams for this holy congregation?

I have always believed that the task of a great synagogue is to respond to the events of its time while faithfully, enthusiastically pursuing its long-term vision.

As we work to plan a strategy for our future, I know we will strive to continue to be open, compassionate, and dynamic. We will continue to make Sh'ar Zahav a place that calls us to reach out and work for justice, to reach in and care for one another, and to reach up and grow into a life of beauty and significance and joy.

Many of you have already participated in a small group as part of our strategic planning process. Soon you'll be receiving a survey from the committee; please take the time to fill it out and share your dreams for our future with the Strategic Planning Committee. Help us to realize our ability to shape and influence the world, one person at a time.

I attended one of the last strategic planning house meetings, and am really glad that I did. The simple experience of talking with a small group of Sha'ar Zahavniks in a house meeting is a great pleasure. On top of that, we got to share with each other what brought us to CSZ and why we stay here, plus what we love about the place, what we hope the shul continues to be like, and what we would like to see changed. Seeing the diversity of our viewpoints and experiences while sharing our love for the community was wonderful and valuable. If you haven't had the chance to share your views with the Strategic Planning Committee, I would urge you to drop them a line. Maybe they'll set up another meeting for you. Their address is: strategic-planning@shaarzahav.org.

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Giving Thanks



IT MAY SEEM a little trite to write a column about giving thanks right before Thanksgiving. I'm sure it's been done—many times—before. But I am feeling particularly thankful this year, and it can't ever be trite to say a blessing.

After all, Judaism prompts us to say blessings—to give thanks throughout our day. As Rabbi Angel teaches us in *Siddur Sha'ar Zahav*: "The Rabbinic tradition (Talmud *M'nachot* 43a) advises us to recite one hundred blessings a day. While that may seem an impossible number, if we stop throughout the day to express our wonder and gratitude, we may find ourselves reciting even more. For the hope of a new day, for the tiniest seed of optimism, for a kernel of creativity, we give thanks to You." ("One Hundred Blessings," pg. 3)

In the introduction to the Brachot section of our siddur (pg. 2), the editors write, "Blessings call attention to the ordinary parts of our days, as well as to the special moments, both providing a reminder of God's handprint on our world and—with our own words—helping to bring the Holy Presence directly into our lives."

So, although Thanksgiving is a secular holiday, we could use this day as a way to remind ourselves of an important Jewish concept, perhaps even committing ourselves to give thanks every day, a hundred times a day.

What am I grateful for? What do I want to bless?

I had a health scare earlier this year (I'm doing fine now), so I am grateful for my health and well-being, for the ability to change my life to get even healthier, and for knowing when to ask for help.

I give thanks for the paramedics who showed up at my door, and to the nurses and doctors who took care of me. And I am grateful to everyone who has insisted, and continues to insist, that good medical care is a right, not a privilege granted to those who can afford it.

I am so grateful to the Sha'ar Zahav community for teaching me that asking for support is not a sign of weakness but a blessing for the community. And I give thanks for all the peo-

ple who asked how they could help, who took out my garbage, did my shopping and my laundry, and fed my cats when I couldn't.

And I bless our rabbi and our cantor, who showed up at my door with food, flowers, and blessings of their own.

Marge Piercy, in "The Art of Blessing the Day," writes: "But the discipline of blessings is to taste / each moment, the bitter, the sour, the sweet / and the salty, and be glad for what does not / hurt. The art is in compressing attention / to each little and big blossom of the tree / of life, to let the tongue sing each fruit, / its savor, its aroma and its use." (And I am grateful to our Educator, Rebecca Weiner, for introducing me to this poem.)

What are the moments I want to pay attention to, to "let the tongue sing"?

Feeling the energy in the room when a new service leader lets go of her fear and nervousness and leads the congregation in worship.

Listening to a bar mitzvah teach us words of Torah, words that he has made his own.

Watching a new Jew hold the Torah and face the congregation, proclaiming the Sh'ma.

Being thanked by a young couple, visiting San Francisco on their honeymoon, who are grateful that they had a place to pray during Rosh Hashanah.

Getting an email from someone saying, "I have gotten so much from this community; how do I give back?"

Hearing one of our teenagers on the phone to a friend, saying "I'm at my synagogue..."

Being hugged and wished "Shabbat shalom" by someone I've been arguing with all week about synagogue policy.

Leading services and feeling connected to everyone else in the room.

And there's so much more to be grateful for – friends, family and community; purring cats and happy dogs; dark chocolate, sweet fruit, and ripe tomatoes; musicians and singers, painters and dancers and writers; the fog after a hot day and the sun after a week of fog; the

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RABBI LEVI WEIMAN-KELMAN



Congregation Sha'ar Zahav and A Wider Bridge are pleased to welcome Rabbi Levi Weiman-Kelman to San Francisco. Rabbi Weiman-Kelman will be leading services and giving the drash at Sha'ar Zahav on Friday, November 4. He will also be speaking in San

Francisco on Saturday evening November 5, at a location to be announced.

Rabbi Kelman is the founder and Rabbi of Kehilat Kol Haneshema (KKH), the leading Progressive Congregation in Jerusalem, founded upon the core value of Equality.

Re-visioning Our Machzor

MONDAY NOVEMBER 14, 7-9:30 P.M.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4, 3-5:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11, 7-9:30 P.M.

Starting before Thanksgiving, we will be holding monthly discussion groups that will focus on the creation of a new High Holiday Prayer Book. In these groups we will study our current Machzor and supplement, and other machzorim, and learn more about the ancient prayers that shape our spiritual journey from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur.

These classes will be open to adults and children. In addition to reading, studying, and discussing, we will be writing, and drawing too. We will also be soliciting your comments on our current Machzor, what works for you, what doesn't work, and the kinds of things you'd like to see in our new text. The process of creating a new Machzor calls for writers, editors, artists, daveners, meditators, dreamers, and you. We look forward to your participation in this process.

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This discussion group will explore issues that arise for people who are considering, are in the process of, or have recently completed, converting to Judaism. Topics will include questions of identity, community, and family. This group is not an introduction to Judaism course, but rather a place to ask questions and discuss issues with others who are also on this journey.

Please note: In order to create a comfortable environment, **this group will not be open to new participants after the second session in November.** There is no charge for this group, but **pre-registration is required.** For further information, or to register, please contact Rose Katz at 415-567-3327 ext. 706 (rkatz@bjesf.org), or the synagogue office at 415-861-6932.

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Services

Transgender Remembrance Shabbat

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 7:30 P.M.

Since 1999, November 20th has been set aside in cities across the country as Transgender Day of Remembrance. This day

memorializes those who have been killed due to anti-transgender hatred. High rates of murder and other violence continue to be one of the most critical issues facing our transgender communities; and more and more people, trans and non-trans, are raising their voices in commemoration and protest. At Friday night services on November 18, we will remember all who have suffered from anti-transgender violence, with special liturgy, music, *drash*, and the reading of names. As the CSZ community participates in the holy act of remembering, we continue to educate ourselves and to commit to further action on this critical community issue.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 7:30 P.M.

Join with our neighborhood faith communities for a service of praise, prayer, and song from our many faith traditions. We invite you to join us as we give thanks for the many gifts in our lives. We will be collecting nonperishable food items (no glass please) and cash donations for the San Francisco Food Bank.

Friday Night Live

DECEMBER 23, 6:00 PM

Shabbat Shalom, people of youth! Come celebrate a Shabbat specially designed for 0 to 6 year-olds. Our FNL service is followed by dinner in the Oneg Room. We will provide pizza (sponsored by parents), and we encourage you to bring a vegetarian dish to share with the community as well. We are delighted to be welcoming Isaac Zones and Daniel Meyer-O'Keeffe back for another great year of Friday Night Live.

Please note we've had to make some scheduling changes for FNL in the coming year. It will *not* be happening on the first Friday of the month, but on the fourth or final Friday. Put these dates on your calendar. The kids will not want to miss even one.

November (no FNL)

Dec 23 Chanukah Celebration

Jan 27

Feb 24

March 30

April (no FNL)

May 25

If you have any questions please e-mail Kim Lezin-Haveson, the new FNL contact person, at: kimhaveson@gmail.com

And please consider sponsoring the program by sending a check for \$150 (for one evening) or for any amount to be added to our fund to provide dinner for families.

**Chanukkah Family Celebration—
Friday Night Live**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 6:00 P.M.

There will be a Family Service for our youngest members at 6:00 pm followed by pizza in the oneg room, and then the return of Klezmer Shabbat at 8:15pm to which all are welcome.

Klezmer Shabbat

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 8:15 P.M. (NOTE SPECIAL TIME)

Join us as we light candles, dance, and sing familiar synagogue tunes melded with klezmer rhythms and melodies. Sha'ar Zahav's Cantor Sharon Bernstein will be joined by master klezmerim Stuart Brotman (on bass) and Sheldon Brown (on clarinet). Come eat, pray, dance, sing and let your spirit soar with the "de-lights" of Chanukkah!

Looking Ahead

MUSICAL EVENTS

Cantor Unplugged V

SATURDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 28, 8:00 P.M.

MEMBERS - \$10; NON-MEMBERS - \$15; CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER - FREE

Cantor Sharon Bernstein singing sultry standards, show tunes, and gems from the American, Jewish, and Yiddish songbooks. To order tickets, please call the CSZ office at (415) 861-6932.

Music in the Mishkan returns to Sha'ar Zahav in 2012 for its 13th season! Violinist Randy Weiss and his colleagues will present 3 concerts, on three Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm: February 5, March 11, and May 20. Mark your calendars now!

Jeffrey A. Miller Scholar-in-Residence Weekend:

"On Dry Ground: Faith, Fear and Transformation at the Edge of the Sea" with Andrea Hodos, creator of Moving Torah

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Celebrate Shabbat Shira with Andrea Hodos, creator of Moving Torah – an approach to text and *tefilah* (prayer) that combines writing, movement and theater. Through *tefilot* (prayers), performances and participatory workshops, Andrea will help us explore the themes inherent in the Israelites' journey across the Red Sea (the Torah portion we read on Shabbat Shira): What does it feel like to have solid ground below your feet, but walls of water on either side? How do we harness faith to move forward through fear? How do we jump in when we're not sure how the story is going to end? Who do we rely on to help us through?

Andrea will join Rabbi Angel and Cantor Bernstein on the bimah on Friday, February 3 and services will include a Moving Torah *tefilah* experience. On Saturday, she will participate in Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer's Opening Circle, and then offer another Moving Torah *tefilah* experience and *d'var* Torah during Saturday morning services. After lunch, there will be a two-hour Moving Torah (continued on page 12)

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Shalom BSPM Community



Dear Beit Sefer
Phyllis Mintzer Com-
munity,

I want to introduce
you to a very important
aspect of the Beit Sefer:

Phyllis Mintzer.

I know the longer the school contin-
ues that many people will have not had
the honor of meeting Phyllis. Phyllis
was one of my mentors and friends. I
had the pleasure of teaching with Phyl-
lis almost twenty years ago when Con-
gregation Sha'ar Zahav began their
religious school program. Phyllis was
an amazing woman, educator, and
friend. Here is just a small excerpt of
her career, showing some of her impact
on Jewish education:

In 1956 Phyllis began a career in
Jewish education which she pursued
with joy until the day of her death. She
developed path-breaking programs for
religious schools at Congregation Beth
Am (Los Altos), Temple Beth-el (Berke-
ley), Temple Isaiah (Lafayette), and Con-
gregation Sherith Israel (San
Francisco). She was desig-
nated a "morah derech"
(master teacher) by the
Reform Movement's semi-
nary, Hebrew Union College,
in 1999. She helped estab-
lish the Kadimah religious
school at Congregation
Sha'ar Zahav in San Fran-
cisco and became a much-
loved mentor to this diverse
congregation. A gifted edu-
cator and spiritual guide,
Phyllis touched family,
friends, and community with her ability
to empower, enrich, and engage each
person who came into her life. She is
remembered with love by generations
of devoted students, many of whom
chose careers in the rabbinate and in
Jewish education. In recognition of her
life's work fostering Jewish continuity
through the education of children, Con-
gregation Sha'ar Zahav has named its



religious school in
her honor.

Phyllis was a
scholar and a
mensch. She
always had an
open heart and a
wise nefesh
(soul). She really
lived up to her
Jewish values and
was a real dugma.

(role model). She embraced all kinds of
difference with tolerance and kindness.
She was a wealth of Jewish knowledge
and a deeply modest person.

The last time that I saw Phyllis, we
were at a conference together on LGBT
Jewish education. She took my face in
her hands and said: "Rivka, you are all
grown up."

I took that as a sign that I might just

be ready to try to live up to her legacy.

I think of Phyllis often during my
tenure here at BSPM. I hope that I give
homage to her warmth and goodness.
We can all learn from Phyllis (especially
during this time, as I write this we are
in the holy days between Rosh
Hashanah and Yom Kippur), to be more
tolerant, to be more forgiving, and to
look for the best in people.

I confess that every year, my tsuvah
is to guard my tongue. Each year I miss
the mark somewhat. Phyllis was
remarkable in her ability to guard her
tongue and really lead by example.

Phyllis, I hope that you are looking
down from Olam Haba and kvelling
(proud) of the legacy you have built.

We couldn't have done it without
you!

L'Shalom,
Rebecca

BEIT SEFER DATES TO REMEMBER

November

- 2 Wednesday Class
- 5 Hazel Olson Dorf's Bat Mitzvah
Shabbat Class – Begin unit - Jewish
Journeys
- 9 Wednesday Class
- 12 Shabbat Class –
Emma Simonoff's Bat Mitzvah
- 16 Wednesday Class
- 19 Shabbat Class- SHABBAT SIMCHA
- 23 NO BEIT SEFER
- 26 NO BEIT SEFER
- 30 Wednesday Class

December

- 3 Shabbat Class –
Carly Ryan's Bat Mitzvah
- 7 Wednesday Class
- 9 Family Chanukah Celebration- 6:00
- 10 Shabbat Class – Benjamin
Gustavson-Scharf's Bar Mitzvah

14 Wednesday Class

- 17 Shabbat Class – Nina Patchell's Bat
Mitzvah
- 21 NO BEIT SEFER
- 24 NO BEIT SEFER
- 28 NO BEIT SEFER
- 31 NO BEIT SEFER

January

- 4 Wednesday Class
- 7 Shabbat Class – Sophie
Hogan-Cytron's Bat Mitzvah
- 11 Wednesday Class
- 14 NO BEIT SEFER
- 18 Wednesday Class
- 20 Shinnui Family Potluck and sleepover
- 21 Shabbat Class
- 25 Wednesday Class
- 28 Shabbat Class

Introducing the B'nei Mitzvah

Hazel Olson-Dorf



On her thirteenth birthday (Nov 5, 2011), Hazel Olson-Dorf will be called to the Torah for her Bat Mitzvah.

Hazel's Torah portion is Lech Lecha. As part of her bat mitzvah process, Hazel helped to design her tallis bag — based on her own interpretation of Lech Lecha and invoking Dr. Seuss' *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*

Hazel is in the 7th Grade at Live Oak School. She loves hanging out with her friends, listening to music, and photography. Hazel is a true justice-seeker—whether at home, at school, in her community, or regarding world events.

For her Bat Mitzvah tzedakah project, Hazel raised money and collected school supplies for Puente de la Costa Sur, an organization in Pescadero that provides services to the farm workers who grow our food and their families. Hazel wishes to thank all the Sha'ar Zahav congregants who contributed supplies to the bins that were in the front lobby this summer.

Hazel and her Moms are extremely grateful for her mentor, Sarita Groisser and all her teachers/coaches (Rebecca Wiener, Rabbi David Bauer, Rabbi Dev Nolly and Jessie Austin) and service co-leaders (Avi Goldberg, Rabbi Camille Shira Angel, Howard Steiermann, and Alan Gordon) and to our chavurah and to amazing service organizer Ora Prochovnick.

Emma Caplan Simonoff



Emma Caplan Simonoff will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 12, 2011.

Emma's portion is Va'yera. Emma has been a member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav and a Beit Seifer Phyllis Minzer student since she was five.

Emma is in Seventh Grade at Creative Arts Charter School. She enjoys making all kinds of

art, designing, and sewing, as well as reading, singing, dancing, and performing. Emma has appeared on stage in several productions by SF Arts Ed and Kidstock. She likes working with young children. She has cared for a variety of felines through her pet sitting business, Kitty City.

Her mitzvah projects included helping her brother's kindergarten teacher with her literacy center, and volunteering for childcare at High Holy Day services.

Emma would like to give big thanks to her wonderful Bat Mitzvah mentor, Laura Lowe, who has spent hours with her teaching, practicing, and just talking; to her drash mentor Deborah Levy (who taught her a lot about writing that she will use her whole life); Rebecca Weiner, Ila Chernok, Andrea Guerra, and all the other teachers at Beit Seifer who helped her learn Hebrew; and her teachers at Creative Arts who helped her in so many ways that contributed to this event.

Carolyn Levine Ryan



Carolyn Levine Ryan (a.k.a. Carly) will be called to the Torah on December 3 at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. Carly is a seventh grader at FAIS. She plays soccer and volleyball, and she is a wonderful artist.

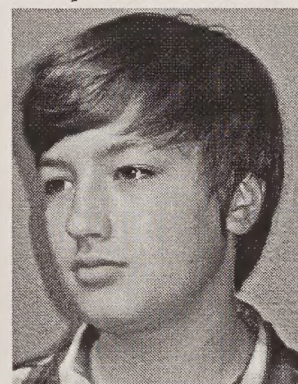
Carly started her Jewish education in preschool at Or Shalom with her lifelong friend Nina Bernstein Patchell. She and Nina have attended Beit Seifer Phyllis

Mintzer since first grade. Carly is the first girl in the Isenberg Levine family to become a BatMitzvah.

We would like to thank her mentors Leslie Einhorn, Elana Robinson-Lynch and Rebecca Weiner, the Dream Team of Mentors. We'd also like to thank Sarita Groisser, Alan Gordon, and Ora Prochovnick. A final heartfelt thank you to Ruth Bernstein.

Our family cherishes this event in memory of Carly's paternal grandfather Joseph Levine.

Benjamin Gustavson-Scharf



Benjamin Gustavson-Scharf will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on December 10, 2011.

Ben is in 7th grade at Live Oak School, where he particularly enjoys his science and humanities classes. Outside of academics, he's participated in basketball and futsal and he played one of five "Alice's" in last year's spring play, *Alice in Wonderland*. He's also been

involved with Live Oak's Gay-Straight Alliance and Jazz Band.

Music is Ben's biggest passion and he drums every chance he gets. In the rest of his free time, he likes to compose in GarageBand, skateboard, draw, and play Minecraft.

This past summer, Ben volunteered as a teaching assistant at Pacific Primary, his former pre-school; as an ongoing mitzvah project, he helps out weekly with Rocket Dog Rescue, an organization that rescues dogs about to be euthanized and finds them loving, permanent homes.

Ben wants to thank his wonderful mentor Flavio Epstein and fabulous Hebrew teacher Rebecca Weiner, along with his parents, for supporting him through this process. He is looking forward to his Bar Mitzvah, and especially to sharing his drash about Jacob and the angel with the congregation.

Nina Bernstein Patchell



Nina will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on December 17, 2011. Her Torah portion is Vayashev which tells the story of Joseph and his coat of many colors.

Nina is in the 7th grade at Herbert Hoover Middle School in San Francisco. She is continuing in the Spanish language program that she started as a kindergartener at Fairmount Elementary. Outside of school and Beit

Sefer, Nina has played on the same soccer team since she was four. She recently started playing softball, loves to shop, reads a lot, is always up for a travel adventure (like working in an eco resort in Nicaragua), and is a huge Giants fan. Nina's true passion is fashion and sewing. She designed and made her Bat Mitzvah dresses and she is making baby blankets and hats to donate to the Homeless Prenatal Program.

Nina and her family would like to thank all of the teachers who have made this day possible particularly Rebecca Weiner, Rabbi Angel and Cantor Bernstein. She would especially like to thank Beth Ross for drash assistance, and Kendra Froshman who took on being a Bat Mitzvah mentor for the first time.

PRACTICE AREAS

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mother, Anna Lampert.

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in memory of Recha Wertheimer.

Ora Prochovnick & Rena Frantz in memory of Irving Buchbinder.

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Hilda Rosenfeld in memory of her brother, David Rothenberg.

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Barry Schmell in memory of his father, Abraham Schmell.

Susan Tubbesing & Sarah Nathe in memory of Laura Bezman.

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Due to the early JGF deadline, most HHD pledges will be acknowledged in the January-February JGF

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August 12/13

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19-20

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September 9-10

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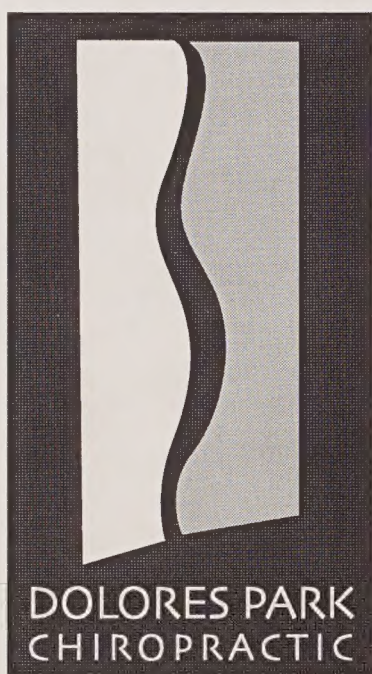
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Walter Leiss, for (yet again) sponsoring our Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg and Yom Kippur Break-Fast
Flavio Epstein and Drew Parker-Rose, for bimah greenery
Dr. Larry Rand, for Rosh Hashanah flowers in memory of his beloved father, Alter Rand, a Holocaust survivor
Karen Schiller, for Yom Kippur flowers in honor of the staff and volunteers of Sha'ar Zahav
Laura Lowe, for supporting the cost of our clean-up crew
Richard Meyerson, for supporting the cost of childcare
For helping defray the cost of renting Herbst Theater:
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Holiday Dinner Drive

This year for the first time, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav will be joining together with 13 other Jewish congregations in the Bay Area to participate in the Holiday Dinner Drive to benefit local food banks.

The August 20th San Francisco Chronicle ran a front page story: "S.F. Food Banks starving for funds." Due to a cutback in federal spending, the SF Food Bank is losing \$161,000 this year, which would have been enough to pay for 483,000 meals. To quote the article:

The cuts have come as the San Francisco Food Bank is already seeing increased demand because of lingering economic problems. It fed 225,000 people in the fiscal year 2010-2011, up

from 132,000 in 2007-2008. Its food pantry lines are expected to grow even longer because of the state's cuts to CalWORKS, which provides cash assistance to low-income families, and a host of other social service programs on the chopping block at the state and federal levels.

Members of CSZ were mailed a letter and envelope in October. The drive goes through the end of December, so please be generous. Checks made out to the San Francisco Food Bank may be sent to CSZ, and we will send them on to the Food Bank. Last year, including all the participating congregations, the drive raised over \$80,000 for local food banks.

Report from Project Reconnections

BY GABRIEL LAMPERT

Last year, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav participated in Project Reconnections, as part of the Year of Civil Discourse (YCD) Initiative, a joint project of the JCRC and the Jewish Community Federation, in partnership with the Northern California Board of Rabbis. The following is one participant's interpretation of what he learned in the process.

Twenty-five of us Sha'ar-Zahavniks met for eight months last year, in groups and one-to-one. We discovered that opinion about Israel is not just red vs. blue, but goes from infrared to ultraviolet. We have learned the word "trigger." You are triggered when someone's words or actions push your buttons and you almost instinctively react, emotionally, irrationally, sometimes cutting yourself off entirely from the speaker. Why does this happen?

If you are Jewish, or live in San Francisco, or are gay, chances are you are an activist. If you belong to Sha'ar Zahav, it's almost a sure thing. The underlying assumption in being an activist, in committing to *tikkun olam*, "repairing the world," is that we actually *can* change the world. We tell each other the famous epigrams from Margaret Mead and others encouraging us to believe that even a small group of people can make a big change.

Yes, WE can make change, but YOU are standing in the way. YOU with your retrogressive racist nationalism, or YOU with your unrealistic political correctness, or YOU with your unyielding stubbornness. WE can make great change, but YOU are preventing it. So WE are compelled to push YOU aside, as lovingly and as non-violently as possible, so that WE can make this great change. But WE might talk about YOU behind your back—it can't be helped. WE simply have no other choice.

So, what is the problem here? My personal belief is that, while we can certainly make changes, they will be smaller and will take longer than we want to believe. Look back, after all, at all the civil-rights and equality issues we've fought for (and that includes myself). We have indeed made changes, but they have been incremental, have taken decades, and—as you don't need to be reminded—we're not quite there yet. We over-estimate how much we can do, and how fast we can do it, and we under-estimate the collateral damage we are causing at the same time. For ALL of the US, regardless of whom you include in "WE," the level of bitterness and resentment is increasing, because each of us feels discounted, dismissed, unheard.

If this is correct, then one thing we can do when we discuss (or argue about) Israel with each other is to work on balancing each other's needs. The Rabbis said we should keep two epigrams in our pockets, one that says, "I am only dust," and the other saying "I am only a little bit less than the angels." What *our* epigrams in this case could be are, "My commitment and my voice need to be heard and acknowledged," in one pocket and, "I have the time to hear you out; the world won't end in the meantime," in the other.

At its heart, our commitment must be to remember that, while we *hope* to make some change in the larger world, we *are* making change in the smaller world that is our congregation, all the time, know it or not, like it or not. Every one of us is made in the Divine image; none of us should be collateral damage.

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What's Up at Sha'ar Zahav

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workshop, followed by a Saturday evening performance/event. For more information about Andrea Hodos and Moving Torah, and to see samples of her work, go to www.movingtorah.org

Classes

Shalom Aleichem: Part One

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

AN INTRODUCTION TO ANGELS

IN THE JEWISH TRADITION

FACILITATED BY ANDREW RAMER

The Hebrew word for angel, *malakh*, means 'messenger.' Our sacred texts are full of angels. We welcome them at the beginning of each Shabbat. For more than two thousand years our ancestors considered belief in angels a fundamental part of their faith. Are angels real non-physically focused beings, a reflection of our higher selves, or simply empowering metaphors? Why should we think about them at all, as 21st century Jews? And what kinds of messages might they have for us today? In this two-hour class we will read some of our core texts on angels, learn about some of the more famous and infamous ones, and practice two angel meditation that are still found in our liturgy and are easy to learn.

Shalom Aleichem: Part Two

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 3:00 – 6:00 P.M.

AN INTRODUCTION TO ANGELS IN OUR OWN LIVES

In 1977 Andrew had his first surprising encounter with an angel, which led to his co-authoring the international best seller *Ask Your Angels*, and his own follow-up, *Angel Answers*. In this three-hour workshop Andrew will be guiding you through a five-step process he's

shared with thousands of others since 1977, which will allow you to make conscious contact with the angels, whatever you think that they might be. Please bring writing materials and an open mind and heart. You do not have to take Part One to take Part Two.

Sex in the city Bible

TUESDAYS, MARCH 20 AND APRIL 3, 7:00 P.M.

TAUGHT BY HOWARD STEIERMANN

No, this class will have nothing to do with the TV show. Yes, it will be based on our tradition's erotic love poetry, the *Song of Songs*. Join us in learning together about biblical passages that most of us aren't that familiar with, such as:

Getting drunk with kisses! Invitations to be taken into private chambers! Watching a lover dance so that we ogle at their loveliness. A neck like a tower of ivory, begging for a tongue. This two-part class will stimulate as well as educate. Different material will be covered in each session, so if you can't make it to both, come to one.

Torah Without Gloves!

JAN-FEB., DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

TAUGHT BY RABBI DEV FELDER-NOILY

This class is about digging into Torah with our own hands, down and dirty, peeking behind the veil of translations. So much of Torah is revealed (or concealed) in the language of Biblical Hebrew itself. From the sweepingly conceptual (Biblical Hebrew reckons time in a radically different way) to the seemingly trivial (a tiny dot may be the only remnant of a disappeared letter, unlocking the root, and meaning, of a word) Biblical Hebrew is a portal to a particular intimacy with Torah.

This class is not *in* Biblical Hebrew, but *about* Biblical Hebrew. You'll learn how the language *works*, without having to learn the language. We'll learn to recognize patterns, clues and cues that can get us in close to the text itself. We'll study multiple English translations of a biblical text in order to lay bare the ambiguities in the Hebrew. And we'll begin to explore how these very ambiguities are both the playground and breeding ground for the brilliantly creative and deeply spiritual enterprise of rabbinic *midrash*, including *Zohar*.

For folks who know, or who are up for

learning before the class starts, the letters of the Hebrew Alef-Bet. (Hebrew in One Day is taught regularly through Lehrhaus Judaica, http://catalog.lehrhaus.org/by_category/hebrew-in-one-day/; these websites also help: http://www.akhlah.com/aleph_bet/aleph-bet.php, www.cartoon-hebrew.com.)

Masters of the Radical Re-frame: How the Rabbis do Midrash

TAUGHT BY RABBI DEV FELDER NOILY, MARCH- APRIL

Midrash is a powerful, creative process that the rabbis of the post-Temple period used to unlock the ever-flowing teaching in the sacred text they received from their ancestors—the Torah. In this class, we'll explore some of the rules, techniques, and spiritual underpinnings of this radical interpretive relationship to text.

Chavurot

Meditation Chavurah

This monthly lay-led chavurah offers a space to develop Jewishly-grounded mindfulness while building community. Some but not all of us have sustained meditation practices. A typical gathering includes a short and longer silent sit, often including a guided portion; some chanting; some reflecting; and perhaps a short teaching. The meditation chavurah meets **the first Saturday morning (most months)**, gathering in the reception area at Sha'ar Zahav at 10:00 am, and then shifting over to the nearby home of a CSZ member. For more information, contact the office, or look for a confirmation in the weekly email from the office.

East Bay Chavurah

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 6:00 PM

Sha'ar Zahav members and their guests are invited to Sha'ar Zahav's East Bay Chavurah, held the second Friday of every month. Our evening begins with blessings and a vegetarian/vegan potluck. At 7:30, adults and teens continue our Shabbat experience with some meaningful text-based Jewish dialogue. To RSVP or host a future event, please contact Jessica Israel Cannon at jjisrael68@yahoo.com.

Post-Oneg Social Group

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AND DECEMBER 16,

9:00 PM

After welcoming the Sabbath at Sha'ar Zahav's Friday night services, we invite you to join Sha'ar Zahav's Post Oneg Group for a pay-your-own-way dinner at a local restaurant. We welcome all current, prospective, or new members. For more information, please contact Jim Accera, jacerra@msn.com

Meetings

Tikkun Olam/Social Justice (SFOP)

Committee Meeting

NOVEMBER 18 AT 6:00 PM

Out of the Wilderness of CA's Revenue Crisis: A crisis in the schools is a crisis of our future. Walk away with tangible things you can do TODAY to change the fate of our state. Please join us 6-7:15pm on Friday, November 18 at CSZ

Va'ad Meetings

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 6:45 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 6:45 PM

All are welcome to attend and listen to Sha'ar Zahav's monthly board meeting with its pre-set agenda.

Giving Thanks

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folks who take away my garbage, clean the streets, and drive the buses; good cooks who share their skills; our teachers, our students, our critics and our supporters; a quick smile shared with a stranger; a hug from a friend; having a tradition to follow and creating something new; having a place to pray and having prayers to say.

In the "Meditative Shabbat Amidah" in our prayerbook (pg. 254), Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Rabbi Janet Marder write, "We remember some of life's blessings and appreciate the goodness in our lives. ... We praise You, Eternal One, whose presence we meet when we recognize the good that surrounds us."

What are you grateful for? What blessings will you say today and throughout the year?

Lifecycles

Mazel tov to **Billie Mandel** and **Ryan Buchholz Mandel** on the September 9 naming and welcoming of their son, Gabriel (Baruch Hillel).

Mazel tov to **Yannai Kashtan** on the occasion of his becoming a bar mitzvah on August 20.

Mazel tov to **Deb Kinney** on her September 23 welcoming into the Covenant.

Care to share your triumphs with the CSZ community? Write to molly@shaarzahav.org with any personal victories you'd like to see celebrated in our weekly newsletter!

Naches

Mazel Tov to the congregation and all who lead and participate in our social action efforts. CSZ received a Reader's Choice award in the area of Social Action Programming from The Jewish News Weekly of Northern California, the J.

Mazel Tov to **Nora Downs**, daughter of Marianne Balin, on her recent graduation from UC Davis with a BS in Nutrition Science with a Community Nutrition emphasis.

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Friday Night Live Dinner (\$150)

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Condolences

To the CSZ community on the death of our member, Hal Podgur, and to his family

To **Diana Buchbinder**, on the death of her father, Irving Robert Buchbinder (father-in-law of **Jeane Redsecker**)

To **Aaron Buchbinder**, on the death of his grandfather, Irving Robert Buchbinder

To **Jen Rainin** and **Frances Stevens**, on the death of their friend, Graham Leggat

To **Mark Pressler**, on the death of his aunt, Charlotte Goldsmith

To **Kendra Froshman**, on the death of her friend, Eric Quezada

To **Shaun Hannan**, on the death of his step-father, Donald Prestwood

To **Josh and Yonah Levy**, on the death of their grandmother, Dina Levy

To **Max Strassfeld**, on the death of his grandfather, Saul Nulman

To **Stacey Shuster**, on the death of her great aunt, Lola Meyerson

To **Batya Kalis**, on the death of her friend, Donna Martin

Member Yahrzeits

November

- 3 Forrest Kincade
- 7 Donald Albert
- 11 Bruce Apter
- 11 Matthew Rostoker
- 13 Harvey Levine
- 16 Chuck Norton
- 22 Tristano Palermino
- 27 Harvey Milk

December

- 4 Marilyn O'Keeffe
- 9 Nicholas Papadopoulos
- 18 David Glassberg
- 20 Norman D. Kramer
- 21 Walter Palmer
- 22 Elijah M Silverrod MacLachlan
- 28 Phyllis Mintzer
- 29 Allan Craig

Please Be in Touch With Me

I am eager to be in touch
with all members of
the CSZ family
whenever there are
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NOVEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9 CHESHVAN	10 CHESHVAN	11 CHESHVAN	12 CHESHVAN	13 CHESHVAN	14 CHESHVAN 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	15 CHESHVAN 9:00 am Torch Study Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Emma Simonoff
16 CHESHVAN	17 CHESHVAN 7:00 pm Machzor class	18 CHESHVAN 6:45 pm Va'ad Meeting	19 CHESHVAN	20 CHESHVAN	21 CHESHVAN 6:00 pm SFOP/Tikkun Olam Meeting 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Trans-Remembrance Shabbat	22 CHESHVAN 9:00 am Torch Study Shabbat Service Shabbat Simcha
23 CHESHVAN	24 CHESHVAN	25 CHESHVAN 7:30 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	26 CHESHVAN	27 CHESHVAN Thanksgiving Day, office closed	28 CHESHVAN Office Closed 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	29 CHESHVAN 9:00 am Torch Study Shabbat Service
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Kislev–Tevet 5772

DECEMBER 2011

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				5 KISLEV	6 KISLEV 8:15 pm Shabbat Service	7 KISLEV 9:00 am Torah Study Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Carly Levine Ryan
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22 KISLEV	23 KISLEV	24 KISLEV Chanukkah, first candle	25 KISLEV	26 KISLEV	27 KISLEV 6:00 pm Friday Night Live Children's Chanukkah Celebration 8:15 pm Klezmer Shabbat	28 KISLEV 9:00 am Torah Study Shabbat Service
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